

Improvement of the lane leading south from the southern gate of Sree Krishna Temple and joining the Quilon Arur road at 2/45.

89. * **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether any amount was budgeted last year for the improvement of the lane leading south from the southern gate of Sree Krishna Temple and joining the Quilon—Arur road at 2/45;

(b) whether any work was done ; and

(c) if no work is done, why it was not done ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Lands not handed over by the interested parties as promised.

Vellangily Thodu.

90. * **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether any amount was budgeted last year for the deepening of the Vellangily thodu, Ambalapuzha ;

(b) if so, whether any work has been done till now ; and

(c) if not, why work was not begun ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) On account of delay in acquiring lands and the difficulty of obtaining iron materials.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know from the honourable member whether any acquisition is required for deepening the canal ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Yes, Sir.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know what is the area of the land that is required ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : I have not got the information about exact area, but some land is required.

Muppiri Thodu in Kanjikuzhi, Shertallai.

91. * **Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Governmen be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a canal called Muppiri Thodu in Kanjikuzhi, Shertallai running through Mararikulam and reaching up to the beach ;

(b) whether it is navigable or useful for agricultural purposes ;

(c) whether they are aware that it is being encroached by the adjacent land owners making it unfit for any purpose for which a canal should be used ; and

(d) whether any annual maintenance is done for the improvement of the same ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : (a) Yes.

(b) It is useful for agricultural purposes.

(c) No.

(d) No.

Irrigation tanks.

92. * **Mr. G. Narayana Iyer (Nominated) :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :

(a) the total number of existing irrigation tanks in each of the following Taluks, Parur, Kunnattunad and Muvattupuzha ;

(b) the number of such tanks in each of the said taluks which are now fit for purposes of irrigation and which are not fit for irrigation ; and

(c) how long is it since such tanks are in an useless condition ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : (a) (b) and (c) *Statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Mr. G. Narayana Iyer : With reference to the answer to part (c), may I know from the member the total area of the tanks which are now not fit for irrigation ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : The total number is available, but the area is not.

Mr. G. Narayana Iyer : May I know what will be the extent of paddy fields that could be irrigated if the tanks are renovated ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : That information is also not available.

Mr. G. Narayana Iyer : May I know what will be the total expenditure for making the tanks fit ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Some of these tanks are already registered in the name of private individuals so that it is not possible to give any estimate.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker : May I know from the honourable member whether the department was consulted before the registry of these tank beds ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : These registries were made several years ago and I cannot say whether the department was consulted then.

*Vide Appendix III page 533.